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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL XIV: WRAP-UP

1. SUMMARY. THE GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING  
MARCH 29-30 FOCUSED ALMOST ENTIRELY UPON THE "NEXT STEPS"  
IN THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE EXERCISE (AGENDA ITEM 1),

AND THIS IS REPORTED IN SEPTELS. OTHER AGENDA BUSINESS WAS HANDLED LARGELY AND RATHER PERFUNCTORILY DURING INTERSTICES IN THE PROTRACTED RE-DRAFTING REQUIRED IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE "NEXT STEPS" DECISION PAPER. DURING THESE BRIEF PERIODS THE FUNDING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 2) AND COOPERATION WITH THE USSR (AGENDA ITEM 3) WERE ADDRESSED. UNDER AGENDA ITEM 4 (ANY OTHER BUSINESS) THE UN SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS, IFAD AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY, AND THE FORTH-COMING CONSIDERATION BY SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE JIU REPORT ON COUNTRY PROGRAMMING WERE TAKEN UP LIGHTLY. THE RECORD OF THESE EXCHANGES IS REPORTED BELOW, ALONG WITH THE DECISION TO CONVENE AGAIN AT THE CONSULTATIVE LEVEL IN NEW YORK IN THE FALL. END SUMMARY.

2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE OUTCOME OF DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM WAS TO AFFIRM SUPPORT FOR G.A. RES. 2688 (XXV) AND TO REQUEST LOCAL GENEVA GROUPS AT FAO, ILO, WHO AND UNESCO TO: (A) EXAMINE, TO THE EXTENT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE, AGENCY ACTIVITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING THOSE WHICH COULD BE DEFINED AS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; AND (B) TO CONSIDER WHETHER SUCH ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE FINANCED FROM UNDP OR OTHER BOLUNTARY FUNDS, OR FROM THE AGENCY'S OWN FUNDS (WHETHER BUDGETARY OR EXTRA-BUDGETARY). IT WAS FELT THAT THE RESULTS OF THIS REVIEW WOULD BE USEFUL IN CONSIDERATION IN CAPITALS OF AGENCY BUDGETS AND PROGRAMS.

3. INTERVENTIONS ON THIS ITEM MAY BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:  
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AUSTRALIA SUPPORTS CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT APPARATUS FOR FUNDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WITH UNDP PLAYING THE PRIMARY ROLE. JAPAN SUGGESTED THAT, IF MAJOR DONORS WERE COMPELLED TO ACCEPT BUDGETARY FINANCING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ONE OPTION WOULD BE TO REDUCE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ACCORDINGLY.

4. CANADA, WHILE TRADITIONALLY OPPOSING INCLUSION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN REGULAR BUDGETS, IS RECONSIDERING THIS POSITION. AMONG RELEVANT, IF CONTRADICTIONARY CONSIDERATIONS, CANADA IS REFLECTING UPON (A) THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING A VOICE IN THE LEVEL AND USE OF VOLUNTARY FUNDS, (B) CURTAILING AID EXPENDITURES FOR VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS AS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO INFLUENCE THE MANAGEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, (C) THE FACT THAT SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WERE NOT CREATED TO BE SUPPLIERS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (ALTHOUGH THE AGENCIES MUST ADAPT TO CHANGING WORLD CONDITIONS), (D) REALIZATIONS THAT THE INCLUSION OF AID EXPENDITURES IN REGULAR

BUDGETS COULD LIFT ANY MEANINGFUL CEILING IN BUDGET  
GROWTH, AND (E) APPRECIATION THAT ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS  
ARE INTENDED TO BE USED TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ALL MEMBERS  
(ALTHOUGH IT COULD BE CONTENDED THAT INDIRECTLY

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DOES BENEFIT EVERYONE). IN SUM, THESE CONSIDERATIONS LEFT THE CANADIANS PUZZLED. WHILE THE NEED FOR INTEGRATED PLANNING PROBABLY ARGUES FOR RETENTION OF THE PRESENT POLICY, AND CANADA UNDERSTANDS LDC ARGUMENTS THAT THEY NEED ALL THE ASSISTANCE THAT CAN BE OBTAINED, PERHAPS A HARD AND FAST POSITION IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY UNREALISTIC.

5. SWITZERLAND NOTED ITS VIEW THAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE FUNDED BY UNDP, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO WHO. NETHERLANDS SUPPORTED THE PAPER THE UK HAD TABLED ON THIS AGENDA ITEM, AND INDICATED CONCERN LEST MOVES SUCH AS THAT IN FAO TO FINANCE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AT A SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL FROM REGULAR BUDGETS WOULD UNDERMINE THE 1970 CONSENSUS. NETHERLANDS WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT SUCH MOVES MIGH RESULT IN A DIMINUTION OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. FRG CONFIRMED ITS ATTACHMENT TO THE CENTRAL FINANCING ROLE OF UNDP. UK REINFORCED THE POINTS MADE IN ITS BACKGROUND PAPER. THE US EXPRESSED THE POINTS SET OUT IN THE POSITION PAPER.

6. COOPERATION WITH USSR. RECOGNIZING THAT THERE WILL BE OCCASIONS WHEN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE USSR ON UN SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS WILL BE ADVANTAGEOUS, THE VIEW WAS SHARED THAT SUCH CONSULTATION COULD BE HELPFUL, BUT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BILATERALLY ON AN AD HOC, CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. COMMENTS WERE MADE TO THIS EFFECT BY FRANCE, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, JAPAN, UK AND US.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: THE MEETING FELT THAT DISCUSSION OF THE UN SCALE OF ASSESSMENT WOULD BE PREMATURE SINCE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS CONVENES NEXT WEEK FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE. NETHERLANDS SUGGESTED THAT GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS THEMSELVES KEEP INFORMED ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF IFAD, AND URGED THAT THE LINKS BETWEEN

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IFAD AS A NEW SPECIALIZED AGENCY AND THE UN BE "AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE." THE NETHERLANDS DREW ATTENTION ALSO TO THE FACT THT THE JIU REPORT ON COUNTRY PROGRAMMING WOULD BE ON THE AGENDA OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF GOVERNING BODIES, AND SUGGESTED THAT GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS SUBSCRIBE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE TO THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT.

8. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) WOULD COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A MEETING AT THE CONSULTATIVE LEVEL IN NEW YORK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 32ND UNGA IN THE FALL.

9. IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTY, WHICH HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN, OF HANDLING MORE THAN ONE TOPIC IN ANY REAL DEPTH AT CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETINGS, THE MISSION SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO A NEW PROCEDURAL APPROACH TO ORGANIZING AGENDA FOR THESE MEETINGS WHEREBY THE AGENDA WOULD LIST "DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION" WITHOUT INSCRIBING THEIR SUBJECTS EITHER AS AGENDA ITEMS OR AS INTENTIONS TO BE RAISED UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS. THIS WOULD BRING SUBJECTS WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL WITHOUT REQUIRING THE INTRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND PERFUNCTORY EXCHANGES AROUND THE EDGES OF THE MAIN BUSINESS OF A MEETING, AND COULD PAVE THE WAY EQUALLY WELL FOR THESE SUBJECTS TO BE ADDRESSED AS MAIN QUESTIONS AT SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS. IF THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES, WE WILL PROPOSE THIS PROCEDURE AT THE NEXT GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) MEETING. SORENSON

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